

Amendments to the Claims

1. (currently amended) An apparatus including:

a ~~an automated banking machine currency dispenser~~ picker arrangement,

wherein the picker arrangement is configured to pick currency notes from a currency cassette ~~removably mountable in an automated banking machine media dispenser,~~

wherein the picker arrangement includes a ~~rotatable~~ picker shaft rotatable about a longitudinal axis of the picker shaft,

wherein the picker shaft is operative to be driven by a drive shaft
~~pin,~~

wherein the picker shaft has at least one picker roller thereon,

wherein each a picker roller is operative to rotate in picking
~~pick~~ a currency note from a the currency cassette ~~in the~~
~~media dispenser,~~

wherein the picker shaft includes a drive end having a mating portion,

wherein the mating portion includes one of a male mating portion and female mating portion,

wherein the mating portion is in mating connection with a drive ~~operative to mate with a drive pin~~ mating portion of a drive shaft,

wherein the drive ~~pin~~ mating portion includes the other of the male mating portion and female mating portion,

wherein the female mating portion is configured to receive therein the male mating portion,

wherein the picker shaft includes an opposite end,

wherein the opposite end is in rotatably supported engagement with a resilient tab portion, wherein the tab portion axially biases the picker shaft in a direction

substantially parallel to the axis to maintain engagement of the drive end with the drive shaft, wherein the picker shaft is held in supporting engagement with the tab portion via biasing force of the tab portion ~~operative to be supported by a supporting member of the media dispenser.~~

2. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the tab portion comprises a spring tab ~~and further comprising a media dispenser, wherein the dispenser includes a supporting member, wherein the supporting member is operative to support the opposite end.~~

3. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 2 wherein the tab portion is manually movable in an opposite direction to permit the opposite end to be removed from supporting engagement with the tab portion ~~wherein the supporting member is operative to cause a force pushing against the picker shaft in a direction toward the drive pin to maintain mating engagement between the male mating portion and the female mating portion.~~

4. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 1 3 wherein the tab portion ~~supporting member~~ comprises a portion of a currency dispenser ~~wall of the dispenser.~~

5. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 2 4 wherein the spring tab includes an opening sized to accept therein the opposite end ~~supporting member comprises a resilient tab.~~

6. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 4 5 wherein the wall ~~of the dispenser~~ comprises a metal wall, wherein the tab portion is of one-piece construction with the wall, and wherein the tab portion comprises a metal spring tab portion cut from the metal wall.

7. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 1 5 wherein the tab portion comprises a tab having an opening operative to receive the opposite end.

8. (original) The apparatus according to claim 7 wherein the opening extends through the tab, wherein the opposite end is able to pass through the tab.

9. (original) The apparatus according to claim 7 wherein the opening extends only partly through the tab, wherein the opposite end is unable to pass through the tab.

10. (original) The apparatus according to claim 1 and further comprising

a stripper arrangement,

wherein the stripper arrangement includes a pivotable stripper shaft,

wherein the stripper shaft has at least one stripper roller thereon,

wherein the stripper shaft is operative to position a stripper roller

adjacent the picker roller,

wherein the stripper roller is operative to strip an excess
currency note from the picker roller.

11. (original) The apparatus according to claim 10 wherein the stripper roller is operative to rotate in only one direction.

12. (original) The apparatus according to claim 10 wherein the stripper arrangement includes a resilient member, wherein the resilient member is operative to engage the stripper shaft, wherein the resilient member is operative to bias the stripper roller toward the picker roller.

13. (original) The apparatus according to claim 12 wherein the resilient member comprises a metal spring tab cut from a dispenser body.

14. (original) The apparatus according to claim 12 wherein the stripper arrangement includes a stripper shaft retaining member, wherein the retaining member is operative to limit movement of the stripper shaft in at least two perpendicular directions.

15. (canceled)

16. (original) The apparatus according to claim 10 and further comprising

a take-away arrangement,

wherein the take-away arrangement includes a pivotable take-away shaft,

wherein the take-away shaft has at least one take-away roller thereon,

wherein the take-away shaft is operative to position a take-away roller adjacent the picker roller,

wherein the take-away roller is operative to move a currency note away from the picker roller.

17. (original) The apparatus according to claim 16 wherein the take-away roller is operative to freely rotate, wherein the take-away roller is operative to be driven by the picker roller.

18. (original) The apparatus according to claim 16 wherein the take-away arrangement includes a take-away shaft retaining member, wherein the retaining member is operative to limit movement of the take-away shaft in at least two perpendicular directions.

19. (canceled)

20. (original) An apparatus including:

an automated banking machine media dispenser,

wherein the dispenser includes a drive pin,

wherein the drive pin comprises a first mating portion,

wherein the dispenser includes a resilient tab,

wherein the tab includes a hole,

wherein the dispenser includes a spring tab,

a picker arrangement,

wherein the picker arrangement is removably mountable in the dispenser,

wherein the picker arrangement includes a rotatable picker shaft,

wherein the picker shaft has at least one picker roller thereon,

wherein a picker roller is operative to pick a sheet from the dispenser,

wherein the picker shaft includes a drive end,

wherein the drive end comprises a second mating portion,

wherein one of the first and second mating portions comprises a male mating portion and the other of the first and second mating portions comprises a female mating portion,

wherein the female mating portion is configured to matingly receive therein the male mating portion,

wherein the picker shaft includes an opposite end,

wherein the opening operative to receive the opposite end,

wherein the tab is operative to bias the opposite end in a direction toward the drive pin,

a stripper arrangement,

wherein the stripper arrangement includes a pivotable stripper shaft,

wherein the stripper shaft has at least one stripper roller thereon,

wherein the stripper shaft is operative to position a stripper roller adjacent the picker roller,

wherein the stripper roller is operative to strip an excess sheet from the picker roller,

wherein the stripper shaft is operative to be engaged by the spring tab to bias the stripper roller toward the picker roller,

wherein the stripper arrangement includes a stripper shaft retaining member,

wherein the retaining member is operative to limit movement of the stripper shaft,

a take-away arrangement,

wherein the take-away arrangement includes a pivotable take-away shaft,

wherein the take-away shaft has at least one take-away roller thereon,

wherein the take-away shaft is operative to position a take-away roller adjacent the picker roller,

wherein the take-away roller is operative to move a sheet away from the picker roller,

wherein the take-away roller is operative to be driven by the picker roller.

21. (new) A method comprising:

(a) providing an automated banking machine currency dispenser picker arrangement,

wherein the picker arrangement is configured to pick currency notes from a currency cassette,

wherein the picker arrangement includes a picker shaft rotatable about a

longitudinal axis of the picker shaft,

wherein the picker shaft is operative to be driven by a drive shaft,

wherein the picker shaft has at least one picker roller thereon,

wherein each picker roller is operative to rotate in picking a
currency note from the currency cassette,

wherein the picker shaft includes a drive end having a mating
portion,

wherein the mating portion includes one of a male mating
portion and female mating portion,

wherein the mating portion is in mating connection with a
drive mating portion of a drive shaft,

wherein the drive mating portion includes the other
of the male mating portion and female mating
portion,

wherein the female mating portion is configured to
receive therein the male mating portion,

wherein the picker shaft includes an opposite end,

wherein the opposite end is in rotatably supported
engagement with a resilient tab portion, wherein the tab
portion axially biases the picker shaft in a direction
substantially parallel to the axis to maintain engagement of
the drive end with the drive shaft, wherein the picker shaft
is held in supporting engagement with the tab portion via
biasing force of the tab portion; and

(b) driving the picker shaft via the drive shaft.

22. (new) The method according to claim 21 wherein step (b) includes rotating the picker shaft to
cause a currency note to be picked from a currency cassette.